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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/671,419	Applicant(s) O'DONNELL ET AL.	
	Examiner Richard G. Hutson	Art Unit 1652	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 August 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 17-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 17 and 19-21 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's cancellation of claims 1, 2, 6-9 and 12-16, in the paper of 8/21/2008, is acknowledged. Claims 17-21 are at issue and are present for examination.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: Applicants specification is objected to because the polynucleotide of figure 64 does not encode the protein of figure 65 and because the statement on page 61, lines 3-5 of applicants specification that states:

“The T.m. holB gene has a nucleotide coding sequence according to SEQ. ID. No. 147 and encodes the δ' subunit which has an amino acid sequence according to SEQ. ID. No. 148.”

is incorrect.

Applicants disclosed SEQ ID NO: 147, which is 936 nucleotides should encode a protein of 312 amino acids. Instead the protein of SEQ ID NO: 147 is 311 amino acids in length, because it appears that the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 147 is missing a glutamine residue at position 271. It appears that the nucleotide does encode the missing glutamine at position 271, however, this has been left out of figure 65 as well as the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 148.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

Claim 18 is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 18 is objected to because as discussed above, the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 147

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does not encode the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 148, because a glutamine is missing at the encoded position 271 of SEQ ID NO: 147.

. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bullard et al., US 20030219737 A1.

As discussed above under the objection to claim 18 and the objection to applicants specification, claim 18 does not properly depend from claim 17, because SEQ ID NO: 147, does not encode SEQ ID NO: 148. As such, in the interest of advancing prosecution this objection is overlooked and claim 18 is interpreted as being drawn to an isolated DNA molecule which comprises the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 147. Bullard et al. teach an isolated DNA molecule that comprises the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 147, thus anticipating claim 18.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard G. Hutson whose telephone number is 571-272-0930. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7:00-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nashaat T. Nashed can be reached on 571-272-0934. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Richard G Hutson./
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1652